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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated August 13, 2002 (Paper No. 13), please consider the following remarks and amendments for entry:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 9, 16-20 and 22 as follows:

1. (Amended) A sterilisation apparatus for medical instruments and the like which is easy to operate, handle and transport comprising a mini sterilisation apparatus, said mini sterilisation apparatus comprising a casing provided with a double-walled sterilisation boiler having an inner wall and an outer wall, whereby fluid is present between the inner and the outer wall such that a stable temperature of the inner wall can be achieved as well as steam generated therefrom, wherein the double-walled sterilisation boiler comprises an inner boiler having a volume of from about 10 to about 50 liters.

9. **(Amended)** The apparatus according to claim 8, wherein said sealing screw is operated by means of an electromotor of which the operating phases are operated by said process computer.

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